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BRYAN IS THE MAN.

Is the Dictum of Senator Blackburn of Kentucky.

ROOSEVELT AND HEARST.

Eliminated as Presidential Timber by New York Election.

Members of Congress Arriving Not Eager to Publicly Express Their Views—Many Politicians do not Believe That Roosevelt's Personal Inclinations Will be Given Serious Consideration by Republican Convention—The Demand for "Four Years More of Roosevelt" has not Yet Reached the Proportions of a Party Ultimatum.

(Special to The Messenger.) Washington, Nov. 30.—Members of congress arriving in Washington for the session are loaded with ideas as to the next presidential election, but not many of them care to give public expression to their views. Democrats are a little more inclined to talk, possibly because there is no danger of Democratic lese majeste, the Democratic party at the present time being without a ruler.

It is not to be understood that any Republican member of congress would be hauled up on the carpet and asked to explain anything he might say about the presidential succession; but there are other ways in which a man talks too much can be made to feel the weight of official displeasure. The average congressman is more or less of a timid soul, after all, no matter how brave a front he may present to his constituents, and he doesn't go hunting ways and means of displeasing his party chief. If there was but one influential Republican in the presidential race, the average Republican congressman would be for him, enthusiastically and vociferously; but in the present circumstance he doesn't see the need of taking chances of getting aboard the wrong band wagon. It would be embarrassing to declare for Taft, for instance, and then have to ask a favor of Speaker Cannon; and it would be equally unpleasant to be committed to Fairbanks and have to seek something at the hands of Mr. Taft.

All this is aside from the natural reluctance of congressmen to avow themselves either for or against the re-nomination of Mr. Roosevelt. The president says, of course, that he does not want and would not accept another nomination, but a good many wise politicians believe Mr. Roosevelt personal inclinations will not be given serious consideration when the next nominating convention meets. There is now, in all parts of the country, more or less of a demand for "four years more of Roosevelt," but the demand has not yet reached the proportion of a party ultimatum. It may do so during the next year—it may die out. Until it does one thing or the other, Republican congressmen are going to be pretty careful how they talk for publication. What they may say in private conversation is quite another matter.

One of the most important Democratic outbursts of the week is an interview with Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, in which he declared without equivocation for the nomination of Mr. Bryan. Senator Blackburn doesn't make a practice of advertising his political views, but when he does talk, what he says is worthy of consideration. His declaration for Bryan was couched in the following language:

"William Jennings Bryan is, in my best judgment, the best man for the Democratic nomination for president in 1908; Theodore Roosevelt and William Randolph Hearst were eliminated as presidential possibilities by the verdict rendered by New York voters on Nov. 6, when the entire Democratic ticket, except Hearst, was elected. It matters not whom the Republicans nominate for president in 1908, the party must grip one horn of a serious dilemma. If they name a man of the Roosevelt calibre and ilk, there will be division in the ranks, and if they choose a reactionary, discontent will be a threatening factor.

"I desired to say something earlier about Bryan's Madison Square garden speech, but now the famous delivery was so vigorously pointed upon at the time by others that I thought it wise to possess my own views. In my judgment, Mr. Bryan is the best man for the Democrats to nominate for president in 1908, notwithstanding his qualified reference to government ownership of railroads. Admitting the injection of

the question into his Madison Square speech was unnecessary and untimely, I fall to see wherein Mr. Bryan blundered sufficiently to eliminate him as a presidential candidate. In considering Mr. Bryan in this connection we must not lose sight of the important fact that he spoke only as a private citizen and in an unofficial capacity; this fact is accentuated by the greater fact that the congress and not the president is the source of our laws; and I am sure that no congress controlled by Democrats will submit to usurpation or interference by its executive chief."

FOR TREASON TO HEARST.
Senator McCarren Will be Asked to Issue His Reasons for Not Supporting the Head of State Ticket in Recent Election.

New York, November 30.—Senator Patrick H. McCarren, leader of the Kings county democracy, who is to be given a hearing by a sub-committee of the state democratic committee on charges of having failed to properly support the head of the state ticket in the recent election, returned today from a western trip. The committee during the senator's absence from the city met, but after a brief session adjourned to await his return. Asked whether he had shortened his trip because of the approaching hearing, Senator McCarren said: "No, not a bit of it. I would not have shortened my trip for forty such trials." He added: "I intend appearing before the committee if I am wanted and will employ counsel if necessary. I shall inform the state committee that the only official action taken by the regular democratic organization of Kings county regarding Mr. Hearst was the ratification of the ticket nominated at the Buffalo convention. I shall insist on my rights as an American citizen to think as I please and to give expression to my thoughts."

BUILDING RECORDS BROKEN.
New Atlantic City Hotel of Terra Cotta and Concrete Going up in Sections at the Rate of a Story a Week.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 28.—A unique building record is being made in the erection of the new Hotel Traymore. The contractors are putting up a nine-story fireproof structure in phenomenally short time, without interfering with the business of the present hotel, which still occupies one-half of the site for the new building, and with so little noise that its guests are not disturbed.

This feat is being accomplished by the use of reinforced concrete and hollow tile, and by dividing the building into two sections. The first section is now going up next to the present hotel. As soon as this section is finished the guests will be transferred from the original hotel, which will then be torn down and the second section erected on its site.

Progress in the work has been unusually rapid. Pile driving was begun on September 15th, and since then the structural work has risen at the rate of one complete story in six working days. Half the construction force are carpenters for making the concrete beams and columns. The floors are made with alternate sections of burnt tile and concrete. Experts are in favor of this combination of reinforced concrete and hollow tile. The concrete allows great rapidity of construction, economy, and avoidance of noise, and the hollow tile ensures that the structure will be as nearly unburnable as it is possible to make it, the tile floors and partitions serving as barriers to prevent the spread of flames and smoke.

BANNER YEAR FOR CHARTERS.
962 Granted During This Year Against 693 Last Year.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 30.—A charter was granted the Selma News Co., to print a paper and do job printing, capital stock \$500. Clerk Wilson, in charge of incorporation charters in the office of the secretary of state, made a report of the fiscal year ended today, showing 962 charters granted during the year against 693 the previous year and 640 in 1904. When this state board of education in session this afternoon gave leave to Mr. Porter to examine swamp lands in Columbus county, of which it does not know area.

HANOVER LODGE I. O. O. F.
Officers Elected for the Ensuing Term. Eloquent Talk by Mr. S. G. Hall.

At regular meeting held last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:
N. G. Jas. Y. Or. Cl. V. J. Samuel G. Hall; R. S. John E. Ward; F. S. E. S. Hancock; Treasurer, Y. H. Howell.
Trustees: Samuel G. Hall, S. E. Rogers, J. A. Jordan
The above with appointive officers will be installed by Lodge Deputy J. A. Jordan the first meeting night in January.
The meeting was greatly enlivened by a talk from Mr. S. G. Hall who in an eloquent manner portrayed the beauties of the Second degree of Odd Fellowship.

Start the month right by taking stock today in the progressive and reliable People's Building and Loan Association, 206 Princess st.

NEGLECT OF OPERATOR CAUSE OF THE WRECK.

Allowed Two Trains in Same Block at Same Time—Accused Man Has Disappeared and no Trace Can be Found of Him.

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 30.—The cause of the awful wreck near Lawyers Depot, ten miles south of this city, yesterday morning, in which President Samuel Spencer and his party of prominent New York and Baltimore men lost their lives, is laid at the door of C. D. Mattox, the operator who was in charge of the block telegraph station at Rangoon, Mattox who disappeared after being relieved less than an hour after the accident, has not been found, despite the fact that railway detectives have scoured the country around the wreck and his home at Sandy Level, in Pittsylvania county, some forty miles from the scene of the accident on a branch of the Southern.

An examination of the telegraph late today stated that the company was desirous of apprehending Mattox in order to secure a statement from him that might throw some light on what it was led him to allow two trains in the same block at the same time. This official was not prepared to state today whether or not the company would take steps to prosecute the missing operator and he did not think now if he could be prosecuted under the laws of Virginia.

An examination of the telegraph sheets kept at the Rangoon and Lawyers block offices discloses the fact that Mattox allowed train number 33, the Jacksonville express in the block, the train passing his station getting a clear track from him at 6:06 o'clock. The operator at Lawyers, the next station ahead, claimed that Mattox did not ask him for a "clear track" for number 33 and he therefore did not know this train had passed Rangoon. The block sheet at Lawyers bears out this claim. The sheets at both offices show that the operator at Rangoon asked the operator at Lawyers for a clear track for number 37, the vestibule limited and the Lawyers operator, not knowing number 33 was in the block, gave number 37 the right of way at 6:14 o'clock and number 37 passed Rangoon at that time. Simmered down, if Mattox, at Rangoon, had reported train number 33, on the block at Lawyers, then there would

have been no accident, and the operator at Lawyers would have held number 37 at Rangoon until the Jacksonville train had cleared the block at Lawyers.

Superintendent Y. S. Andrews, of the Danville division, today explained that the report that the engine of the forward train had gone some distance ahead of its train when it became detached was erroneous, the fact being that the engine did not leave the train more than twenty feet, the air brakes applying immediately on the engine was the breaking of a knuckle of the drawlead on the front end of the forward car. The trainmen were repairing this when the collision occurred.

Assistant General Superintendent E. H. Chapman states there is not the slightest doubt but that the flagman made every possible effort to protect the rear of the train, but he could not get around a sharp curve in time to prevent the collision. As soon as Engineer Kenney saw the signal he applied the emergency brakes and stayed at his post to the last.

Superintendent Andrews of the Danville division, left late this afternoon, having been called to Washington. It was Mr. Andrews' understanding that the entire official family of the Southern Railway company had been summoned to Washington to be present at the funeral of President Spencer.

The identification was made this morning of the negro who was killed and burned beyond recognition. The victim was Benjamin Boswell, of Toledo, Ohio, a dining car man who was taken aboard President Spencer's car for the trip.

The death of William Pollard, the negro porter in President Spencer's private car, and J. W. Shaw, the negro fireman, both of whom died in the city hospital here last night, swelled the death list to eight. The latest word from the hospital regarding the injured indicated that all of them are doing nicely and probably will recover. The escape of E. A. Merrill, of New York, private secretary to Mr. Spencer, the only survivor in the party on a private car save a porter, was miraculous. The injuries he sustained are not serious and he will be able to leave the city hospital here probably by the first of the week.

THE VOTE OF THE STATE.

Canvassing BBoard Nearly Through With its Work—Republican Vote Larger Than Expected—Vote by Districts for Congressmen and Solicitors

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., November 30.—The state canvassing board has nearly completed the canvass of the vote. The vote for congress shows, for the first district, Robert N. Page, 11,780 George D. B. Reynolds, 9,008. Eighth district incomplete on account of absence of the vote of Ashe and an error in Jefferson precinct, which shows 172 for Hackett when it should be 272. Correction has been wired for. Accurate returns should show in Ashe county 49 majority for Hackett. First district, John H. Small 11,401, John Q. A. Wood, 3,610, R. H. Lane, 22. Second district, Claude Kitchin 10,057, James R. Gas-kill, 1,816, B. G. Green 15. Third district, Charles R. Thomas, 10,332, Wm. R. Dixon, 5,280. Fourth district, Edward W. Poo, 12,161, Berry Godwin, 5,270. Fifth district, Wm. W. Kitchin, 15,503, Chas. A. Reynolds, 11,059, V. C. Lehman, 102. Sixth district, H. L. Godwin, 9,729, James B. Schulken, 4,645. Ninth district incomplete by an absence of returns from Catawba and Yancy. Tenth district, Wm. T. Crawford, 13,069, James J. Britt, 12,360. Eleventh district, Erastus R. Wood, 40. The state vote is all canvassed except Catawba, which is missing. Leaving Catawba out McNeill's vote for corporation commissioner is 121,214, that for Douglas 75,457. Democratic majority in Catawba is about 200. The republican vote is therefore larger than Chairman Lamb of the board this morning expected it to be. Following is vote for solicitors: First district, Ward, 6,603, Luray, 3,144. Second district, Carr, 5,433, Greene, 369. Third district, Moore, 6,616, Edwards, 1,563. Fourth district, Daniels, 9,275, Baily, 727. Fifth district, Duffy, 7,442, Crumpler, 2,562. Sixth district, Jones, 9,394, Robinson, 4,856. Seventh district, Sinclair, 7,385, White, 3,560. Eighth district, Robinson, 6,531, Cox, 2,661. Ninth district, Brooks, 70,347, Ragun, 5,919. Tenth district, Hammer, 12,998, Saunders, 11,676. Eleventh district, Graves, 10,715, Dobson, 9,021, Wetmore, 3,583. Thirteenth district incomplete, Catawba missing. Fourteenth district, Yancy missing. Fifteenth district, Roberts, 4,241, Brown, 4,398. Sixteenth district, Bryson, 5,512, Benbow, 5,267.

Nine men out of ten that save money patronize some reliable institution such as the People's Building and Loan Association. New stock can be had today. 25 cents a share, 206 Princess street.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

General Offices of Atlantic Coast Line at Goldsboro to be Removed to Norfolk.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Goldsboro, N. C., November 30.—The general offices of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, which have been located in this city since the Howland Improvement company first took charge of the road about four years ago, are to be moved to Norfolk and consolidated with the Norfolk and Southern general offices. Some time ago the Norfolk and Southern secured the lease which the Howland Improvement company secured from the state. The change will mean that only one set of officers will be employed for the entire system and the friends of the officers who have been located here will be glad to know that they are to be retained and some of them promoted. Mr. R. E. L. Bunch, traffic manager, was some time ago promoted traffic manager for the whole system. Mr. M. Manly, treasurer, will be made treasurer for the whole system and Mr. W. L. Bird, auditor, will retain his position for the entire system. Mr. R. P. Foster, now general manager of the A. & N. C. R. R., will be promoted to assistant superintendent of the Norfolk and Southern. The change will mean quite a loss to Goldsboro, which as well as a large force of clerks, whose salaries have been going to swell the volume of Goldsboro's business.

Last day of silk and ribbon sale. 25 and 35c ribbons. 15c at Rehrer's.

A COMMENDABLE ACT.

Former President of Failed Bank Contributes \$100.00 to Increase its Assets.

Butte, Mont., November 30.—Receiver Wilson, of the Aene Bank, of Butte, said today that he had received a check from F. Augustus Heinz for \$100,000. Mr. Heinz formerly was president of the bank but withdrew in 1903. Believing, however, that many depositors had not known of his withdrawal, although it was widely advertised at the time and that, through confidence in his reputation, many of his friends may have lost their money, Mr. Heinz says in his letter to Mr. Wilson that he contributes \$100,000 towards the bank's assets. The contribution increases the bank's assets to 30 per cent.

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Attempted Abduction and Lynching—Transfer of Real Estate—General Observance of Thanksgiving—News and Personal Notes.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, N. C., November 30.—Two very unusual and sensational violations of law are alleged to have been committed in this county recently. Magistrate Overby, of this city, has just had before him for trial John Fuller, Octavius Barden and Dave Robinson, four negroes of Flea Hill township, charged with attempting to lynch George Johnson, another negro living in the same neighborhood. The magistrate was convinced that an attempt had been really made on the life of Johnson, but the evidence was not sufficient to hold the men. Octavius Robinson owns a good deal of valuable property and is said to be the wealthiest negro in Cumberland.

Lou Woodall, a white girl 15 years old, who works at the spindles in the Holt-Morgan cotton mills, and a few days ago Stella Sessions, a young woman of fair character, drove up in a buggy to the factory, called the Woodall girl out, and drove off with her, since which time she has not been heard of. Yesterday Deputy Sheriff Pate arrested Stella Sessions on the charge of abduction, and she was about to go to jail when some one became her bondsman. She is supposed to have been in collusion with a man named Archie Turner.

Mr. Joseph Schwab, a well known cotton buyer of Goldsboro and Fayetteville, has sold his High building and lot on Hay street for \$5,000 to Postoffice Inspector Buck, of Washington city. Mr. Schwab bought this property about four months ago for \$2,700, and it has therefore in one-third of a year increased in value 85 per cent.

Mr. C. B. McMillan has bought from Mr. W. H. Pope, the dwelling on Old street adjoining the residence of Capt. J. D. McNeill. It will be occupied by his brother, Mr. W. B. McMillan.

The correspondent learns that a movement is making for the establishment of a social club, and that the spacious apartments on the second floor of the before-the-war bank of Fayetteville, which have for years been occupied as a residence, will be comfortably fitted up for the use of the club. The handsome structure is owned by Dr. H. W. Lilly, and the first floor is given up entirely to offices.

Mr. James P. Johnson, a well known commercial traveler of a Baltimore firm, has sufficiently recovered from inflammatory rheumatism to leave the Highsmith hospital, where he has been a patient for several weeks.

ESCAPED THE PENITENTIARY.

Two Ballot Box Stuffers Pardoned by Governor of California in Order that Their Evidence May be Used Against Abraham Reuf and Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco.

Sacramento, Cal., November 30.—At the request of Attorney Heney, Governor Pardee has pardoned Steffins and Wyman, the ballot box stuffers, in order that they may testify against Reuf and Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco.

Steffins and Wyman were sentenced to five years imprisonment for stuffing the ballot boxes at the local primaries held a short time before the last election of Mayor Schmitz. Through the result of this primary election Abe Reuf secured control of the county republican convention. Charges were made that Steffins and Wyman, who were acting as election officials, had stuffed the ballot boxes for certain delegates. They were tried before Judge Lawler and convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary. When Lawler came up for re-election November 6th last, Reuf and his adherents made a bitter and strong fight against him, and it was the nomination of two men as candidates for superior judge on both the republican and democratic tickets in order to make Lawler's defeat certain, that brought the present prosecutions for graft to a focus. Lawler was elected. Wyman was a municipal employee and Steffins was employed by F. A. Maestret, then president of the board of public works.

LIPTON ON AMERICA.

Declares that Prosperity in This Country in Every Department of Trade and Commerce is Amazing and That its Equal has Never Been Known in Any Country.

London, November 30.—Sir Thomas Lipton has contributed to the Weekly Dispatch an article describing the amazing prosperity in America in every department of trade and commerce. He says it is no exaggeration to declare that at no previous period of human industry has such prosperity been known in any country. Everybody in America is making money and in such piles that the ordinary standards of comfort and luxury are being replaced by new ideals.

"Even responsible and well informed writers in England," Sir Thomas continues, "appear to have little idea of what is happening across the Atlantic. The view appears to be that this prosperity is merely due to financial manipulation. Never was there a more ridiculous idea. The American expansion of solid industries, the enormous power of the people and the legitimate developments of agricultural and mining industries, while the general confidence is such that nobody is afraid to spend lavishly."

TO HONOR THE DEAD

Funeral of President Spencer Will Take Place Sunday.

IN CITY OF WASHINGTON.

Burial Service of Dead Railroad President Will be Private.

Promptly at 2 O'clock Every Train and all Machinery of Southern Will be Stopped for Five Minutes—Ten of the Oldest Negro Porters in Service of the Southern Will Bear the Body to the Tomb—Honorary Pall Bearers Will Include Officials of the System.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The funeral of President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern railway, who lost his life in the railroad collision at Lawyers, Va., early Thursday morning, will take place at St. John's church, in this city at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, rector, officiating. The body will be interred in this city. The burial service will be private. For five minutes during the funeral hour, beginning promptly at 2 o'clock every train and all machinery of the entire Southern railway system will be at a standstill as a mark of respect to the late president.

The active pall bearers will consist of ten of the oldest negro porters in the service of the Southern. The honorary pall bearers will include the vice presidents, and officials of the road, J. Pierpont Morgan and other prominent financiers of New York. The list given out tonight by the officials of the Southern railway follows:

Col. A. B. Andrews, first vice president, Raleigh, N. C.; W. W. Finley, second vice president, Washington, D. C.; J. M. Culp, third vice president, Washington, D. C.; C. M. Acker, fourth vice president, Washington, D. C.; Powell, fifth vice president, St. Louis; Fairfax Harrison, assistant to the president, Washington; Francis L. Stetson, general counsel, New York; Alfred P. Thomas, general counsel, Washington; Judge Alex. P. Humphrey, general counsel, Louisville, Ky.; L. D. Lankford, secretary, New York; H. C. Ausley, treasurer, Washington, W. S. Townsend, president of office, New York; Col. E. L. Russell, vice president, Mobile and Ohio railroad, Mobile, Ala.; W. J. Murphy, vice president, C. N. O. & T. P. railway, Cincinnati; Maj. J. E. Hanen, president Central of Georgia, Macon, Ga.; Col. A. R. Lawton, first vice president Central of Georgia, Savannah, Ga.; J. Pierpont Morgan; George S. Bowdoin; George F. Baker, president New York and Long Branch railroad, New York; Joseph Bryan, director, Southern, Richmond, Va.; Robert M. Galloway, director Southern, New York; Samuel M. Inman, director, Southern, Atlanta, Ga.; Adrian Iselin, Jr.; director Southern, New York; Charles Lanier, director, Southern, New York; Edmond D. Randolph, director, Southern, New York; James T. Woodward, director, Southern, New York; Harris C. Ahnestock, director, Southern, New York; Charles Steele, director, Southern, New York; John M. Cadwalader, Augustus D. Juillard, J. S. Basset, J. Turner Atterbury, general John Gill, Roswell Miller, chairman of board, C. M. & St Paul railway, New York; F. D. Underwood, president Erie railroad; Henry Walters, chairman of board, L. & N. railroad, New York; Y. Butler Duncan, chairman of board, M. & O. railroad, New York.

Following is the general order issued tonight by the Southern railway: "The funeral services of Mr. Samuel Spencer, late president of this company, will take place at St. John's church, Washington, D. C., on Sunday the 2nd day of December, at 2 p. m., eastern time. As a mark of respect for his memory, it is ordered that all trains on the lines of this company come to a full stop, wherever they may be, at the funeral hour, and remain standing for a period of five minutes.

The fourth vice president and general manager will see that this order is carried out.

(Signed) "A. B. Andrews, First Vice President." President Samuel Spencer earned his first laurels in railroading on the section of road in which he lost his life yesterday. That portion of the Southern system was formerly known as the Virginia Midland, of which Mr. Spencer was superintendent in 1877. This was the highest position he had held up to that time and he left it within a year for a promotion.